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Shanghai Delegation to National Convention report results of their mission

Shanghai Citizens Federation

At a meeting of some 200 representatives of local public societies held in the 3rd District Kiamintong headquarters of the Temple of Moon of Heaven, on the morning of 30, between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. May 30, five delegates representing local Kiamintong merchants, peasants, independent professions and labour of the Shanghai Municipality to the People's Convention, reported the result of their activities at the Convention.

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Kuomintang Meeting

At a meeting held in their office in the Yuan Tung An Temple, Yang An Joo, Peoting, between 4 and 5.10 p.m. May 19, 17 members of the 10th Section of the 5th District Kuomintang decided to issue a manifesto supporting the action of the National Convention in declaring the abrogation of all unequal treaties between China and the various Powers.

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 8: 5: 1931

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Please see
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C. D. J. Robertson.
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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 27: 4: 1931.

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W. H. Branch,

Please see report furnished
by D. S. I. MacGormey in
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No S.B., D 1302.

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Translation of extracts from the Shanghai

Min Pao dated April 25.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS CONFERENCE.

Every-body believes that the National Citizens' Conference, to be called by Chiang Kai Shek, will not care for the interests of the Nation as Citizens are not wanted to participate in it and public officials are to act simply as representatives. In reality such a convention should be called a meeting of officials. We may also call it a meeting of Chiang's followers because they are endeavouring to be elected as representatives and they will certainly succeed in view of their political influence.

Since the Citizens' Convention will not be represented by citizens but will have a large attendance of military representatives, why shouldn't we call it a military conference or the conference to create a king? Since several good-for-nothing fellows have come to Hankow to attend the convention for the ultimate purpose of getting food and drawing allowances, why shouldn't we call the convention a meeting of dogs?

What will be discussed at the so-called Citizens Convention? We are sure that nothing will be discussed. The participants will simply "Kow Tow" (Kneel down), elect Chiang Kai Shek President of China, give him political authority, and obey all Chiang's orders. Besides, they will simply report their arrival, eat rice, enter the meeting place, visit Sun's ^{at} mausoleum, view the scenery, frequent brothels, and sleep. Finally they will shout the slogan, "Long live Chiang Kai Shek, the President", and then draw passage allowances and leave Hankow for their native places.

The Citizens' Conference will thus be

concluded.

EVIDENCE RELATING TO THE CONTRACTING
OF THE CITIZENS' CONVENTION.

It is known to the public that the so-called Citizens' Conference is under the exclusive control of Chiang Kai Shek who might be called the purveyor of the conference. He alleges that the reactionary elements are falsely accusing him but we have strong evidence to show that the accusations against him are not groundless.

On the 23rd, a certain small newspaper in Shanghai published the following two secret telegrams relating to the election of representatives to the Citizens' Conventions:-

In connection with the election of representatives to the Citizens' Convention, a certain provincial Kuomintang Headquarters committed many absurd acts in order to monopolize the elections in the Province. The labour and commercial representatives have now been elected according to the wishes of the Kuomintang Headquarters. As the Education Association and the Farmers' Association have not held an election, the members of the Kuomintang Headquarters have become active again and their acts are absurd indeed. They have issued the following secret telegram to the Local Kuomintang Branches in the name of the Provincial Kuomintang Headquarters:-

"The candidates for election have already been appointed by this Kuomintang Headquarters and the various Local Kuomintang Branches should endeavour to afford them assistance. If the Branches help persons other than the candidates, the offenders will be severely punished."

Besides, the Kuomintang Headquarters have detailed a large number of officers to various Branches to see that the above order is being carried out.

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out. Now, the Kuomintang Headquarters has issued another telegram stating that if the persons elected as representatives of the Education Association or of the Farmers' Association are not those appointed by this Kuomintang Headquarters, the members of the Committee (7 of the Hsien Kuomintang Branches) will be severely dealt with.

The wording of these two telegrams is so serious that we can see now that the authority of the Kuomintang Headquarters is superior to that of despotic monarchs.

Details Embodied In Full Translation Of Government Regulations Cover All Possibilities

(4) Persons suffering from feeble-mindedness or addicted to bad habits;

(5) Persons who, having once been members of the Kuomintang of China, have been either expelled or suspended from Party membership;

Art. 9.—For the election of the delegates to the National Convention, there shall be Chief Superintendents and Superintendents of Elections.

For the various Provinces the Commissioner of the Provincial Department of Civil Affairs shall be the Chief Superintendent of elections; for the various *hsien*, the District Magistrate shall be the Superintendent of Elections; and for the various Municipalities, the Mayor shall be the Superintendent of Elections.

For Mongolia and Tibet, the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Committee shall be the Chief Superintendent of Elections and the Superintendents shall be appointed by the said Committee from the local officials.

For the election of Chinese nationals resident abroad, the overseas Chinese Affairs Committee shall be the Superintendent.

Art. 10.—Supervisors of the elections held by the various organizations in the various districts shall be persons, who, according to the constitution of the said organizations, have the power to represent the organizations.

Art. 11.—The qualifications of the various electoral organizations shall be investigated and approved by the various Chief Superintendents concerned.

Art. 12.—The method of election for Chinese nationals resident abroad shall be determined separately.

Art. 13.—Successful candidates as delegates to the National Convention elected by the organizations mentioned in sections 1 to 4 of Art. 5 of this Law must be persons who, being engaged in the occupations in their following period (immediately preceding the election):—

(1) Persons engaged in agriculture for a period not less than ten years;

(2) Persons engaged in trade or industry for a period not less than five years;

(3) Persons engaged in educational enterprises for a period not less than five years;

(4) Persons engaged in various liberal professions for a period not less than five years.

Art. 14.—The method of electing delegates to the National Convention by the Kuomintang shall be determined separately.

Art. 15.—Where any elector of the electoral organizations mentioned in sections 1 to 4 of Art. 5 of this Law is a member of two or more different organizations, he may, at his option, elect to vote in either one of these organizations.

Art. 16.—Where there is any mistake in the counting of the votes; the electors concerned may petition the Chief Superintendent of Elections to hold an investigation.

Art. 17.—Where any case of fraud

committed by those in charge of the election is discovered by any elector, two-thirds of the electors of the same organization may jointly petition the Chief Superintendent of Elections to hold an investigation.

Where, after investigation, the Chief Superintendent is satisfied that there is no ground for prosecution, he should render a decision of non-prosecution where there is ground for suspecting the alleged fraud, the case shall be handed over to the Provincial Higher Court for trial.

Art. 18.—The Provincial Higher Court of the District concerned shall have original jurisdiction over suits concerning elections. Judgments in such cases shall become final immediately after they have been rendered.

Art. 19.—Suits concerning elections shall be heard in priority before other suits.

Art. 20.—Where persons in charge of the elections of any organization are convicted of fraud, the results of said elections shall be null and void.

Art. 21.—Where the void election referred to in the preceding paragraph does not affect the votes polled for the successful candidates nor the votes of the next unsuccessful candidate, the organization whose election has been declared void does not have to hold a re-election.

The facts mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall be investigated and determined by the Chief Superintendent of Elections. Where, in his judgment, it is necessary to have a re-election, he may notify the organization concerned to hold another election.

Art. 22.—The Law governing the application of the present Law shall be drafted separately.

Art. 23.—This Law shall come into effect on the date of promulgation.

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Extract from the Chinese Newspapers ~~Afternoon~~

Translation of 14.5.31.

Korean Revolutionists Proceed to Nanking

The Shun Pao and other local newspapers publish the following report:-

An Chong Hau(), Wong Hai Koong ()
and Poh Tsing Yih (), representatives of the
Provisional Korean Government in Shanghai, have proceeded
to Nanking to negotiate with the National People's
Congress over the treatment of Koreans in Manchuria.

Extract from the Chinese Newspapers Translation

May 10, 1931

Abolition of Unequal Treaties

The Shun Pao and other local newspapers publish the following report from Nanking :-

At the 9th session of the National People's Congress held yesterday, a resolution was passed to urge the National Government to negotiate for the abolition of the unequal treaties within a specified period, and to issue a manifesto in the name of the Congress expressing the determination of the people to abolish the unequal treaties.

Extract from the Chinese Newspapers Morning
Translation of 9.5.31.

Shanghai Chamber of Commerce and National Citizens Conference

The Sin Wan Pao and other local newspapers publish the following report :-

The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce has asked Wang Yen Sung, a representative from the Shanghai merchants, to submit a resolution to the National Citizens Conference suggesting that the following problems should be carried out:-

1. To restore all Foreign Settlements and Concessions.
2. To restore the leased territories such as Dairen, Kwangchow Bay, etc., as well as Hairen and other areas adjoining railways.
3. To bring about the withdrawal of foreign garrisons from China.
4. To restore the sovereign rights over Mongolia and Thibet by opening negotiations with Great Britain and Soviet Russia.

The Chamber of Commerce in its resolution also urges the Conference to devise ways and means for the upkeep of the livelihood of the people.

Extract from the Intelligence Report of 8.5.31.

Kuomintang Propaganda in favour of the National Convention

The following slogans written on long strips of cloth and on paper slips were found exhibited on various roads in Chinese controlled territory in Shanghai on May 5 :-

1. Support the National Convention !
2. Demand that unequal treaties be abrogated !
3. Down with Imperialism !
4. Demand that extraterritoriality be abolished !
5. Eliminate the Communist Party and other reactionary elements !

Meeting in commemoration of the tenth Anniversary of the
Assumption of Office by Dr. Sun Yat-sen in the Canton
Government and the People's Convention

About 100 Chinese representing local official organizations and public bodies held a meeting in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce building, North Honan Road, between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m. May 5, in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of assumption of office by Mr. Sun Yat-sen as president of the Canton Government and the inauguration of the People's Convention in Nanking. Yih Wei-chun (葉連倫), member of the Executive Committee of the Chamber, who presided, delivered a short speech in which he expressed the hope that the People's Convention will achieve success in the same honourable spirit as manifested by Mr. Sun Yat-sen during his tenure of office as President of the Canton Government. Speeches in a similar strain were delivered by Yui Hung-chun (俞洪斌), Secretary to the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, Yang Tsing-yuen (楊清源), Chief of the Propaganda Department of the local Kuomintang Headquarters, and Chu Ying-peng (朱應鵬), member of the Standing Committee of the 3rd District Kuomintang. The following two resolutions were passed during the course of the meeting :-

1. That a congratulatory telegram be despatched to the People's Convention.
2. That the delegates of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai be urged to strive for the abrogation of unequal treaties.

At the termination of the proceedings the following slogans were repeated aloud :-

"The convocation of the People's Convention is to unify

the control of the nation '.

"Consolidate the foundation of the country !

"Abrogate ~~xxxx~~ Consular Jurisdiction !

"Restore all foreign Settlements to China !

"Get rid of all reactionaries !

During the progress of the meeting, copies of a booklet, handbills and paper slips in honour of the People's convention were distributed to the attendance.

In celebration of the inauguration of the convention, cinema shows were held in the Grand and Strand theatres in the Settlement, in addition to four other theatres in Chinese territory and the French concession, between 10 and 12 noon. About 300 persons attended each place. During the entertainment, paper slips bearing on the convention were distributed to the attendance.

Between 7 and 12 p.m. a theatrical performance was held in the Chamber of Commerce building, when about 400 persons were present.

Lecturing groups organized by the 1st District Kuomintang delivered open-air lectures in connection with the occasion in Nantao and City on the afternoon of May 5.

Meetings in commemoration of the same event were held at various places as follows on May 5 :-

<u>Name of organizations</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>No. of persons present</u>
4th District Kuomintang	602 Sukong Road, Chapel.	100
5th District Kuomintang	215 Police Station Road, Pootung.	40
8th District Kuomintang	125 Soong Shing Road, Woosung.	100
Labour University	Kiangwan	500

Propaganda of local labour unions

Paper slips bearing the following slogans and purporting to emanate from the committee organized by local labour unions to bid farewell to labour delegates who are leaving to attend the International Labour Conference and the People's Convention, were found posted on advertisement boards along various roads in Chapei on May 4 :-

1. Farewell to Comrade Yang Yen-jen Chinese labour delegate to the "International Labour Conference" !
2. Farewell to Comrade Hou Ia-tsung, Shanghai labour delegate to the "National Convention" !
3. Support the opinion of the labour delegates !
4. Demand that the People's Convention declare the abolition of extraterritoriality forthwith !
5. Demand that the People's Convention declare the abrogation of all "unequal treaties" !
6. Demand that labourers participate in the administrative government !
7. Demand the establishment of Ministry of Labour !
8. Long live the Chinese Kuomintang !

the Publication Workers' Union

70 representatives of local labour unions at a meeting held in the office of the Publication Workers' Union, 12 Kai Ching Li, Fusan Road, Chapel, between 4 and 5 p.m. May 4, decided to request Hou Ma-tsung (侯 木 宗), the labour delegate of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, to submit the following proposals to the People's Convention :-

1. to promulgate the special law authorizing the organization of a General Labour Union.
2. to establish a separate Ministry of Labour.
3. to introduce a national insurance system for workers.
4. to devise relief measures for the unemployed.
5. to revise all laws and rules which interfere with the benefit of workers.

Kuomintang meetings

Seven members of the Propaganda Department of the local Kuomintang Headquarters at a meeting held in their office, Ling Ying Road, West Gate, between 2 and 3.30 p.m. May 2, passed the following resolutions :-

1. That owing to the Kwoh Ming Theatre, corner of Chapoo and Haining Roads refusing to comply with the request to give a free exhibition of pictures in celebration of the inauguration of the People's Convention (vide I.R.29/4/31), the local Chinese press be instructed to discontinue publication of advertisements of this theatre.
2. That seven persons including Hsiung Shih-hwei, Defence Commissioner of Woosung-Shanghai, Yu Hung-chun, Secretary of the Greater Shanghai Municipality and Yang Ching-yuen, Chief of the Propaganda Department of the local Kuomintang Headquarters, be appointed to preside over the general meeting to be held in celebration of the People's Convention in the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce Building, North Holar Road at 9 a.m. May 5.
3. That in celebration of the convention, the following cinemas be opened at 10 a.m. on May 5, instead of those decided upon on April 28 (vide I.R.29/4/31) to the public who will gain admission by complimentary tickets to be supplied by the People's Convention Celebration Preparatory Committee :-
 - a) Peng Lai Theatre, Peng Lai Road, Nantao.
 - b) Lung Nan Theatre, Ming Kuo Road.
 - c) World Theatre, Asing Yuen Road, Chapai.
 - d) Grand Theatre, Bubbling Well Road.
 - e) Strand Theatre, Ningpo Road.
 - f) Odeon Theatre, North Szechuen Road, O.O.L..The show which will last from 10 a.m. to 12 noon will be of the usual cinematograph entertainment. The management will be paid a remuneration in sums ranging from \$20 to \$50.
4. That arrangement be made with the Paradise, corner of Hupeh and Foochow Roads, Small World, City, and Pei Soong Yuen Garden, Nantao, to grant free admission

on May 5 to those armed with complimentary tickets issued by the local Kuomintang headquarters.

Six committee members of the 1st District Kuomintang at a meeting held in their office, Wei Ka Loong, City, between 2 and 4.15 p.m. May 2, passed the following resolutions :-

1. That a manifesto be issued exhorting the people to unite and urge the Government to secure the punishment of the culprit, the issue of compensation to the victim and an apology to China from the French Authorities in connection with the shooting of Shing Hai-sai by a member of the French Police on April 7.
2. That a circular telegram urging the people throughout China to demand that the National Convention declare the abolition of the "unequal treaties," be despatched.
3. That propaganda in favour of the National Convention be disseminated on May 5.

Kuomintang Propaganda on the inauguration of the National Convention

During the afternoon of May 2, leaflets bearing the following slogans were found pasted on the walls of the barracks of the 27th Regiment, 5th Division, Ziang Zung Li, Paoshan Road, Chapei:-

1. Long live the National Convention !
2. Celebrate the inauguration of the National Convention !
3. Negotiate for the restoration of Settlements and concessions to China !
4. Down with the Communist Party, the Reorganization Party and other reactionary elements !
5. Abrogate all unequal treaties !

International Labour Day, May 1 - Meeting

Under the auspices of the local Kuomintang, about 210 members of various local labour unions held a meeting in the local Kuomintang Headquarters, Ling Ying Road, West Gate, between 2.45 and 5 p.m. May 1, in commemoration of International Labour Day. Tung Wen-Jui (鍾文瑞), committed member of the Publication Workers' Union, who presided, explained the significance of this anniversary and enumerated some expectations of local labour circles from the mission of local labour delegates to the People's Convention at Nanking and to the International Labour Conference to be held in Geneva in the near future. These views were endorsed by several others including Tong Tsing-cun (童清存), representative of the Nantao District Water & Electricity Workers' Union and Fu Teh-hai (傅德海), member of the Footwear S.A.T. Workers' Union. Subsequently Yang You-jen (楊有仁), Executive member of the 3th District Kuomintang as well as the Publication Workers' Union, who has been appointed by the C.C. of Kuomintang at Nanking as labour delegate to the coming International Labour Conference at Geneva, delivered a short speech, expressing his desire to submit a report to the Conference concerning the oppressive treatment accorded to the Chinese workers by the foreign capitalists, and to make an investigation into the labour conditions abroad. Hou Ta-tung (侯大統), a member of the Publication Workers' Union who has been elected local labour delegate to the People's Convention in Nanking, ~~then~~ then took the platform and addressed the

audience, previous to night for the claim of the workers at the Convention. In view of the fact that "strike" is the only weapon of workers to enforce demands for their benefit, he declared, he would strive for the freedom of declaring strikes, of which right the workers had been deprived by the authorities. At the conclusion of the meeting, the following resolutions were discussed and passed :-

1. That manifesto in support of Sun Yat-sen (孫逸仙) and Yang Yau-chen (楊玉珍) be issued.
2. That a special committee be organized to arrange the following proposals to be submitted at the People's Convention :-
 - a) To revise the Factory law.
 - b) To promulgate the special law and organize the organization of General Labour Union.
 - c) To establish a separate Ministry of Labour.
 - d) To devise relief measures for the unemployed workers.
 - e) To give free education to labourers.
 - f) To authorize workers to participate in political government.

The meeting terminated with the shouting of slogans bearing on the occasion.

Between 7 and 10 p.m. the same day, the delegates were entertained to dinner at Hun Yuen Lou, West Gate, when about 140 persons attended.

Extracts from the Intelligence Report of 2.5.31.

"May 5" to be celebrated by local students

On May 1 the Educational Bureau of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai issued a circular notice to the various schools under its control declaring a holiday on May 5 in observance of the anniversary of the inauguration of the National Government and the assumption of the Presidency by Dr. Sun Yat-sen at Canton in 1921.

Shanghai Chamber of Commerce - dinner in honour of Wong Yien-soong

Between 12.30 and 2 p.m. May 1 a dinner attended by some 40 members of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce in honour of Wong Yien-soong (王正廷), delegate of the Shanghai Municipality elected to represent local merchants at the People's Convention, was held in the offices of the Chamber, North Honan Road. Wang Hsiao-lan, Chairman of the Chamber, who presided, delivered a brief speech urging the delegate to do his utmost for the benefit of the merchants.

Municipality of Greater Shanghai and local Kuomintang
arrange celebration on the occasion of the People's
Convention

Five members of the committee appointed by the Municipality of Greater Shanghai and the local Kuomintang to undertake preparations in celebration of the inauguration of the People's Convention on May, held a meeting in the local Kuomintang Headquarters, Ling Ying Road, West Gate, between 2 and 3.30 p.m. April 23, and decided upon the following programme :-

1. That a general celebration meeting be held at 9 a.m. May 5 in the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce Building, North Honan Road, and that Theatrical Performances be held in the same building at 7 p.m.
2. That in celebration of the Convention, the following cinemas will be opened at 10 a.m. and they day to the public who will gain admittance with free admission tickets supplied by this committee :-
 - a) Peng Lai Theatre, Peng Lai Road, Nantao.
 - b) Tung Nan Theatre, Ming Koh Road,
 - c) Grand Theatre, Bubbling Well Road.
 - d) Strand Theatre, Ningpo Road.
 - e) Kwoh Ming Theatre, corner of Chapoo & Haining Roads.
 - f) World Theatre, Tsing Yui Road, Chapel.

Election of Representatives to attend the People's
Convention on May 5

Under the auspices of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai polling for the election of representatives of the Shanghai Municipality to attend the People's Convention in Nanking On May 5, was concluded on April 27. Wu Ka-sien (吳嘉先), Wang Yen-soong (王震), Ho Shu-hua (胡庶華), Hou Tah-tsung (侯大燾) were elected, as well as Chen Kwan-sung (陳冠生), committee member of the Municipal Administration at Kiangwan representing peasantry, who replaced the original nominee Chen Yia-fu (陳逸夫) (Vide I.R.19/4/31)

Municipality of Greater Shanghai and local Kuomintang
arrange celebration of the People's Convention

Two representatives of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai and three of the local Kuomintang Headquarters held a meeting in the latter's office, Ling Ying Road, West Gate, between 2.30 and 4 p.m. April 27 and passed the following resolutions:-

1. That in compliance with instructions from the Central Kuomintang (Nanking), a committee of five be appointed to make preparations for the celebration of the People's Convention which will be held in Nanking on May 5.
2. That propaganda in favour of the Convention be prepared and printed and that the local Chinese press be requested to publish on May 5 supplementary sheets in celebration of the Convention.

Kuomintang Meeting

10 committee members of the local Kuomintang Headquarters at a meeting held in their office on Ling Ying Road, West Gate, between 10 and 11.15 a.m. April 24, passed the following resolutions:-

1. That, in accordance with the posthumous instructions of the late Mr. Sun Yat-sen, a circular telegram be despatched to Kuomintang branches and public bodies in various districts requesting them to demand that the People's Convention announce the abrogation of all unequal treaties.
2. That the Propaganda Department make energetic preparations to commemorate the revolutionary anniversaries in May.
3. That the various Kuomintang branches be ordered to elect their representatives to the People's Convention on April 25.

NATIONAL CITIZENS CONVENTION AND HONGKONG SETTLEMENTS.

The Sin Wan Pao and other local newspapers publish the following report:-

Yesterday the Sin Sun News Agency called on Wang Yen Jung (a newly elected representative from Shanghai for the forthcoming National Citizens Convention and a member of the committee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce and the Shanghai Special District Kungmintang, who made the following statement:-

"In all there will be five representatives from Shanghai for the forthcoming National Citizens' Convention. I will pay particular attention to the resolutions which will be brought up for discussion at the Convention by the Shanghai merchants. So far I realize that there are two questions which are very important, namely:

"(1) The cancellation of all unequal treaties. The holding of the National Citizens Convention and the cancellation of unequal treaties are based on the instructions of the late Sun Yat Sen, who directed that these problems should be dealt with within the shortest period. Since the inauguration of the National Government, it has been doing its utmost in dealing with diplomatic affairs and has completely restored the autonomy of the Maritime Customs. However the abolition of extraterritoriality and the rendition of foreign settlements have not yet been secured. Having suffered heavily, the merchants

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in Shanghai will give their clear views during the Convention, in support of the diplomatic policy of the National Government.

"(2) Owing to the dullness of commerce, the people have been experiencing difficulty in maintaining their livelihood. However the development of commerce depends upon the prosperity of the people. The first thing to be done is to support the livelihood of the people. I will pay keen attention when the Convention discusses the question of the people's livelihood, which is one of 'The Three Principles of the People.'"

Extract from the Intelligence Report of April 17, 1931.

Conference of committee members supervising the election
of representatives to attend People's Convention

Members of the committee appointed to supervise the election of representatives of the Shanghai Municipality to attend the People's Convention at Nanking on May 5, 1931 held a conference in the Chamber of Commerce Building, North Soochow Road, between 3.30 and 5 p.m. April 16 about 100 persons being present. Chang Chun (張君), Mayor of Greater Shanghai, who is appointed by the National Government as Chief Supervisor of the election, presided over the function, and delivered a speech explaining the duty of the supervisors.

Extract from the Intelligence Report of April 16, 1931.

Election of Representatives to attend the People's
Convention on May 5

Under the auspices of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, local Chinese citizens will commence on April 17 to elect representatives of the Shanghai Municipality to attend the People's Convention which will be held in Nanjing on May 5. The members of the committee appointed to supervise the election will hold a conference in the Chamber of Commerce Building, North Szechow Road, at 2 p.m. April 16.

In connection with the foregoing it is reported that local organizations have already nominated the following

five persons as representatives of the Shanghai Municipality :-

Wu Hsien-sien (吳顯先), member of the Standing Committee of the Local Kuomintang Headquarters - representing the local Kuomintang Party.

Yang Yien-sung (王延松), member of the Standing Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce - representing peasantry.

Chen Yia-fu (陳亞夫), committee member of the Municipal Administration at Woosung - representing peasantry.

Hsu Sau-lun (胡藻華), president of the Tung Chi Medical College, Woosung - representing independent professions.

Hou Tah-tsung (侯大椿), a committee member of the Commercial Press Workers' Union - representing labour unions.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL CONFERENCE: SOME PROPOSALS.

The Sin Wan Pao and other local newspapers publish the following report:-

The Fur Merchants Association, the Silk Merchants Association, the Medicine Dealers Association, the Cigarette Dealers Association, the Coal Merchants Association, the Lace Dealers Association, the Cotton Cloth Merchants Association, etc., in all over 60 local commercial bodies held a joint meeting yesterday at which there were present over 80 persons:-

The meeting passed the following resolutions:-

- 1) That the delegates from the various local commercial bodies to the forthcoming Citizens National Conference bring up a resolution at the conference proposing that the National Government be asked to adhere strictly to the policy of the Customs Duty protection, to levy on wholesale prices, to encourage the development of native products and to stop foreign merchants from establishing factories in China.
- 2) That the Citizens National Conference be urged to supervise the National Government in the movement for the restoration of all settlements and Concessions and the cancellation of unequal treaties.
- 3) That no increase in taxes be made unless approval has been secured beforehand from the Industrial Association concerned and permission has been given by the National Government.
- 4) That a trade or Industrial Association be established by seven shops in a similar trade or industry in a district, but if the number of shops in a district is less than seven, they may join the Chamber of Commerce of the district concerned.

On the proposal of Zung Zung Chaig,

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the meeting resolved that the local merchants establish a special examination committee to examine all proposals to be brought up by local merchants to be submitted to the forthcoming Citizens National Conference for discussion, and that nine persons be elected as a committee.